

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1493 (Substitute for House Bill No. 1327 by Representative Barrow)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

HOSPITALS: Establishes requirements for the closure of the Earl K. Long Medical Center and the transfer of certain services to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center

1 AN ACT

2 To establish requirements for the closure of the Earl K. Long Medical Center by the Board
3 of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
4 College and the transfer of the hospital's medical education and inpatient hospital
5 care services to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center; to provide for the
6 submission of reports; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The provisions of this Act shall apply to each step necessary to facilitate
9 the closure of the Earl K. Long Medical Center and the transfer of its medical education and
10 inpatient hospital care to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, including any
11 contracts or agreements entered into by the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State
12 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College beginning any time after March 19,
13 2010. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to the renewal or extension of any contract
14 in effect prior to March 19, 2010.

15 Section 2. The Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and
16 Agricultural and Mechanical College as part of the Louisiana State University Health
17 Sciences Center shall provide a written, detailed overview and time line for the closure of
18 the Earl K. Long Medical Center and the transfer of its medical education and inpatient
19 hospital care to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center including the following:

20 (1) A strategic rationale for the closure and transfer.

21 (2) An overview of key transfer objectives and a broad transfer time line.

1 (3) A detailed statement of the objectives, scope, and benefits of the transfer.

2 (4) A performance measurement for the continuation of the quality of care of
3 patients.

4 Section 3. Within sixty days of the close of each state fiscal year, beginning with
5 Fiscal Years 2011-2013, the chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State
6 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College shall provide a written report to the
7 House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.
8 The report shall detail the results and costs associated with the medical education and
9 inpatient hospital services that were transferred from the Earl K. Long Medical Center to
10 Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. Results associated with these services shall
11 include but not be limited to the following:

12 (1) A comparison of actual patient outcomes for each service provided by Our Lady
13 of the Lake Regional Medical Center which was formerly provided by the Earl K. Long
14 Medical Center.

15 (2) A comparison of employment information for each hospital prior to and
16 subsequent to the closure and transfer, including the number of employees terminated, the
17 number subsequently rehired, the average compensation (wages, benefits, and retirement
18 contributions) of employees prior to and subsequent to closure and transfer, a comparison
19 of average compensation of employees terminated and subsequently rehired prior to and
20 subsequent to the closure and transfer, and a comparison of the number of credentialed
21 professionals by category, including but not limited to medical doctors, registered nurses,
22 and licensed practical nurses.

23 (3) A comparison of costs to the state of Louisiana to deliver the hospital services
24 via the closure and transfer of services with the costs had Earl K. Long Medical Center
25 delivered the same services, including but not limited to per diem costs per inpatient care.
26 Such costs shall include capital costs whether or not such costs are reflected in the
27 cooperative endeavor or elsewhere in the state budget.

28 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
30 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

- 1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
- 2 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB No. 1493

Abstract: Requires the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to submit reports detailing the transfer of the hospital's medical education and inpatient hospital care services to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center.

Proposed law shall apply to each step necessary to facilitate the closure of the Earl K. Long Medical Center and the transfer of its medical education and inpatient hospital care to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, including any contracts or agreements entered into by the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College beginning any time after March 19, 2010. The provisions of proposed law shall not apply to the renewal or extension of any contract in effect prior to March 19, 2010.

Proposed law provides that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College as part of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center must provide a written, detailed overview and time line for the closure of Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital and the transfer of its medical education and inpatient hospital care to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center including the following:

- (1) A strategic rationale for the closure and transfer.
- (2) An overview of key transfer objectives and a broad transfer time line.
- (3) A detailed statement of the objectives, scope, and benefits of the transfer.
- (4) A performance measurement for the continuation of the quality of care of patients.

Proposed law requires the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to provide a written report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare within 60 days of the close of the fiscal year. The report shall detail the results and costs associated with the medical education and inpatient hospital services that were transferred from the Earl K. Long Medical Center to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. Results associated with these services shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) A comparison of actual patient outcomes for each service provided by Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center which was formerly provided by the Earl K. Long Medical Center.
- (2) A comparison of employment information for each hospital prior to and subsequent to the closure and transfer, including the number of employees terminated, the number subsequently rehired, the average compensation (wages, benefits, and retirement contributions) of employees prior to and subsequent to closure and transfer, a comparison of average compensation of employees terminated and subsequently rehired prior to and subsequent to the closure and transfer, and a comparison of the number of credentialed professionals by category, including but not limited to medical doctors, registered nurses, and licensed practical nurses.

- (3) A comparison of costs to the state of Louisiana to deliver the hospital services via the closure and transfer of services with the costs had Earl K. Long Medical Center delivered the same services, including but not limited to per diem costs per inpatient care. Such costs shall include capital costs whether or not such costs are reflected in the cooperative endeavor or elsewhere in the state budget.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.